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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE (OSC): REGISTRATION
DEVELOPMENTS JULY 3

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1. PRIOR TO OSC'S JULY 3 A. M. SITTING, US REP PRIVATELY COMMUNICATED TO CANADIAN REP ACCEPTABILITY OF MARKING PROVISION TRANSMITTED REF (B) ON CONDITIONS THAT THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GENERALITY OF COMMITTEE AND FINISH OFF THE REGISTRATION CONVENTION. SAME INFORMATION ALSO CONVEYED TO USSR, UK, BELGIUM AND JAPAN.

2. CANADA KEYNOTED INFORMAL WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION JULY 3 P. M. SAYING OSC HAD REACHED "MOMENT OF TRUTH". MAJORITY OF MEMBERS, NOTABLY INCLUDING FRANCE, SEEMED WILLING TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE, HOWEVER UNENTHUSIASTICALLY. FRENCH REP SAID SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS NOT YET RECEIVED, BUT PREDICTED "90 PERCENT CHANCE" THEY WOULD BE AFFIRMATIVE SUBJECT TO SHORTENED PERIOD BEFORE REVIEW CLAUSE COULD BE INVOKED. SEVERAL DELS (E. G. INDIA, SWEDEN, IRAN) ADVOCATED
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DROPPING " IF IT CONSIDERS IT USEFUL" FROM REF (B) MARKING
PROVISION BUT EXPRESSED GENERAL SENTIMENT FAVORING COMPROMISE.
EGYPT SAID ITS PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO INSIST ON MANDATORY
MARKING BUT IMPLIED THESE COULD CHANGE.

3. ARGENTINA, HOWEVER, REMAINED INTRANSIGENT. ARGENTINE
REP COCCA, CITING " NEW, EVEN STRICTER" INSTRUCTIONS, TOOK
POSITION THAT: (A) ALL SPACE OBJECTS SHOULD BE MARKED
AT TIME OF MANUFACTURE; (B) MARKING MUST BE COMMUNICATED
TO SYG; (C) BOTH EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL MARKING SHOULD BE
COMPULSORY (SIC).

4. US (REIS) REVIEWED NEGOTIATING HISTORY OF REGISTRATION
CONVENTION TO DATE AND OBSERVED THAT US HAD MOVED FROM ITS
EARLIER OPPOSITION TO REVIEW CLAUSE DURING THIS OSC SESSION.
WE HAD NO MORE FLEXIBILITY ON MARKING PROVISION; HAVING
COME 75 PERCENT OF WAY TOWARD OTHERS' POSITIONS ON REVIEW
AND MARKING WE FELT OTHERS SHOULD MEET US AT THAT POINT.
NOTING US COULD AS

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